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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP COLD STORAGE FACILITIES

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1. USING REFRIGERATION BOX MEASUREMENTS APPEARING ON INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS COMMAND PURCHASE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED DURING MARCH, EMBOFF AND GRB PROJECT CONTROL OFFICER LAID OUT REFRIGERATOR INSTALLATION PLANS ON APRIL 6.

2. 54 FT. LONG BOX (4000 CUBIC FOOT) WILL BE PLACED ALONG 7 FOOT HIGH CERAMIC TILED WALL WITH SUFFICIENT SPACE LEFT BETWEEN BOX AND WALL FOR REFRIGERATION MOTOR "OVERHANG" AND A WALKWAY ACCESS FOR REPAIRS. IF POSSIBLE, BOXES SHOULD BE ALERED SO THAT 4 REFRIGERATION MOTOR UNITS CAN BE INSTALLED EQUIDISTANTLY ALONG LENGTH OF 54 FOOT BACKSIDE.

3. ANOTHER QUESTIONS IS WHETHER SEVERAL, PREFERABLY 4, ENTRANCES INTO THE 54 FOOT BOX ARE POSSIBLE. PLAN FOR USE OF PROJECT FREEZER SYSTEM IS THAT AFTER DAILY PRODUCTION OF ABOUT 25 CARCASSES IS ALLOWED TO COOL IN FIRST SMALL BOX FROM 86 DEGREES F TO 32 DEGREES F WITHIN 12 HOURS (TO PREVENT ICING), CARCASSES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO LARGE 54 FOOT BOX WHERE THEY MUST REMAIN AT 0 DEGREES F FOR 4 MORE DAYS (FOR KILLING PARASITES). THUS 54 FOOT BOX MUST BE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF 4 DAYS PRODUCTION. PROBABLY MOST

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EFFICIENT SYSTEM WOULD BE EITHER 4 INDEPENDENT ENTRIES INTO 54 FOOT

BOX, OR INSTALLATION OF SLIDING HOOKS ON RAILS INSIDE BOX WHICH WOULD
ENABLE PRODUCERS TO INTRODUCE DAILY CARCASS PRODUCTION AT ONE END
NEAREST SMALL BOX, AND EXIT 4 DAYS LATER THROUGH OPENING AT FAR END.
CAN BOX TOPS SUPPORT, OR BE STRENGTHENED IN A WAY ALLOWING HOOK
AND RAIL SYSTEM TO BE ATTACHED TO BOX CEILINGS? IF NOT, IT WOULD
SEEM 4 INDEPENDENT Y
TRIES INTO 54 FOOT BOX WOULD ALLOW MOST
EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR INTRODUCING CARCASSES WHICH THEN MUST BE HUNG
ON IMMOBILE HOOKS ATTACHED TO RACKS BUILT UP FROM FLOOR.

4. RECENT GRB NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENT TO SHIP BURUNDI MEAT
TO GABON, AND PURCHASE BY LOCAL BUSINESSMEN OF SECOND HAD
BRITANNIA AIRCRAFT TO HAUL THIS AND OTHER CARGOS HAVE RAISED
QUESTIONS OF ADEQUACY OF SMALL 600 CUBIC FOOT (ABOUT 9 FEET LONG)
BOX TO KEEP UP WITH AVERAGE DAILY PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF
ABOUT 25 COWS (54 FOOT LONG SECOND CHAMBER IS PERFECT SIZE FOR
PROJECTED NEEDS). EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF 1200 CUBIC FOOT
BOX PRICE LISTED IN SEPTEMBER 1974 FOR DOLS 5,860 (FSN 4110-
926-4159) IS STILL AVAILABLE. IF SO, WOULD AN ADDITIONAL
REFRIGERATION MOTOR UNIT (TOTAL OF 2 UNITS) BE REQUIRED FOR A
1200 CUBIC FOOT BOX IN ORDER TO PULL DOWN TEMPERATURE OF 25
CARACASS DAILY PRODUCTION FROM 86 DEGREES F TO 32 DEGREES F
WITHIN 12 HOURS, OR WOULD ONE MOTOR UNIT STILL SUFFICE FOR
THAT TEMPERATURE LEVEL.

5. SINCE SSH PROJECT BEGUN IN 1970 TIES IN VERY WELL NOW WITH
PRESENT GRB EXPORT EXPANSION PLANS, GRB WOULD MUCH PREFER
1200 CUBIC FOOT BOX EVEN IF COST HIKES WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL GRB
CONTRIBUTION NECESSARY. SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COEWS WILL DEPEND
MOSTLY ON WHETHER A SECOND REFRIGERATION MOTOR WOULD BE
REQUIRED FOR 1200 CUBIC FOOT BOX. OTHERWISE, SMALLER ADDITIONAL
COST OF 1200 CUBIC FOOT BOX, ABOUT DOLS 3,000 ACCORDING TO 1974
FIGURES, COULD BE ABSORBED WITHIN INITIAL DOLS 51,000 PROJECT
CEILING. UNDER THE IAA U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF ABOUT DOLS 6,000
HAD BEEN BUDGETED FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND INSTALLATION. THE
INSTALLATION BURDEN COULD BE SHIFTED TO THE GRB SINCE IT
WOULD NOT REQUIRE OF GRB AN OUTLAY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND
WE COULD ABSORB ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE LARGER 1200 CUBIC
FOOT BOX MEETING RANGE OF U.S. DOLLAR COMMITMENT PROVIDED
THAT SECOND MOTOR FOR THIS BOX WERE NOT NEEDED.
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